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WOMEN IN ANGOLA FARMING

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Through a groundbreaking public-private partnership, co-funded by ExxonMobil, ENI and Group Simples, USAID's Women in Angola Farming project supports Angolan women to fully participate as active citizens in society and economy. The project supports Angolan women farmers, many of who face economic and cultural barriers, to obtain basic tools for active citizenship required to access employment, education, loans and property. The project provides tools for women participants to learn how to secure their land rights, improve their literacy skills, and develop networks of Women's Advocates to tackle gender-based violence and improve their production.

Women in Angola Farming is implemented in close collaboration with the Government of Angola's Ministries of Social Affairs, Education, Agriculture, and Justice and Human Rights. The project covers six provinces namely: Malanje, Cuanza-Norte, Cuanza-Sul, Luanda, Huíla and Namibe. The project is supported through USAID's Economic Empowerment Fund created to: advance workforce development and vocational education, promote women's entrepreneurship, and remove legal, regulatory and cultural barriers.

ACTIVITIES

- Training for women farmers in conservation farming techniques to increase agricultural production
- Literacy training via Farmers' Clubs
- The Food and Agriculture Organization facilitated training in Participatory Land Delimitation methodology.
- Providing technical assistance to provincial and municipal authorities, including the departments of Agriculture, Urbanism, the Geographic and Cadastral Institute of Angola, Social Action, Women and Families in Participatory Land Delimitation methodology
- Establishing 113 Farmers' Clubs, with up to 50 members each in four provinces, and technical assistance to Club leaders in management and finance.
- Assisting women with the registration processes to obtain ID cards, and birth certificates for their children.
- Establishing Women's Advocates networks in 120 communities, composed of both women and men, to promote an enabling environment for women's empowerment.
- Developing radio programs on women's empowerment, including gender issues

EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN NUMBERS

- 30,000 farmers, including 24,000 women, benefitted (directly or indirectly) from new, improved agricultural techniques which increase production
- 6000 Farmers Clubs members participated in literacy programs for farmers
- 1200 farmers from 120 different communities trained on land rights and assisted their communities to better understand land rights
- 6000 farmers of which 4,800 are women, will receive IDs including birth certificates for their children. These women in turn mobilized nearly 18,000 neighbors to secure these legal documents to register and to register and vote in upcoming elections as well as access to credit
- 600 men and women trained as mentors on key women's issues. Mentors engaged up to 60,000 individuals in their own communities
- Over 1.5 million people reached via Women's Advocates Community radio programs

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